

## **Submission to the Senate Enquiry into the Impacts of Coal Seam Gas on the Management of the Murray Darling Basin.**

The Namoi catchment is being threatened by the explosion of the Coal Seam Gas Industry.

The country is set to sell our soul for the short term gain of Coal Seam Gas. The industry will destroy the best farming land in Australia.

We must preserve the future food productivity of this nation.

Water is a very precious commodity in this country. Why risk the contamination and the resultant reduction in productivity that is certain to follow from Coal Seam Gas Exploration and extraction.

It is not proven that extraction does not harm the aquifers. It is not proven that it does. This country should not bow to the pressure of “big business” to mine this country for export.

Listen to the people who know the land they farm. Listen to the people who love the land they farm. Commodity prices have been stagnant for quite some time. Despite this, people in rural communities and farmers are resilient. If coal seam gas is allowed to spread like a cancer across the country, regional communities will disappear.

Decentralisation is very important to the nation’s economy. Housing, fuel prices, employment are all reasons to revitalise smaller communities. We as a nation have recognised this. Why now jeopardise regional Australia by mining our heart out.

Coal seam gas extraction should be banned in the Murray Darling Basin.  
Coal seam gas extraction should be banned from prime agricultural land.

Landowners rights should be protected from multinational often foreign owned companies.

Australians future food production security should be protected.

Thank you

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